

COVID-19 Long-term Care Report

Washington State Department of Health

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COVID-19 surveillance data are updated when new information about a case is reported, such as exposure and case information. Given the dynamic nature of COVID-19 surveillance data, data reported in the past may not match data reported in present time. Facilities with multiple acuity levels are assigned to the highest acuity level. Additionally, there may be a long period of incomplete reporting. The number of cases and deaths associated with long-term care (LTC) may not be complete for the last several weeks.

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The data in this report is reflective of all cases reported as of 04/19/2021.

Please note that the data presented in this report reflect the recent addition of cases likely associated with a long-term care facility through address or telephone match to the facility. These cases have not been associated with a LTC facility by Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJ), and case counts may therefore differ between LHJ and DOH. Cases associated with a LTC facility are those where the case association with a facility is noted in case interview, medical record, facility line list, or another measure indicated by the LHJ. Cases likely associated with a LTC facility were found to be associated through address or telephone match to the LTC facility.

Recent quality control analysis and 2020 and early 2021 data verification confirmed association to LTC facilities. This historical data reconciliation resulted in an increase in the number of LTC-associated cases reflected in the report. However, the current burden of LTC-associated cases has not increased significantly in the week ending in 4/19/21.

Summary

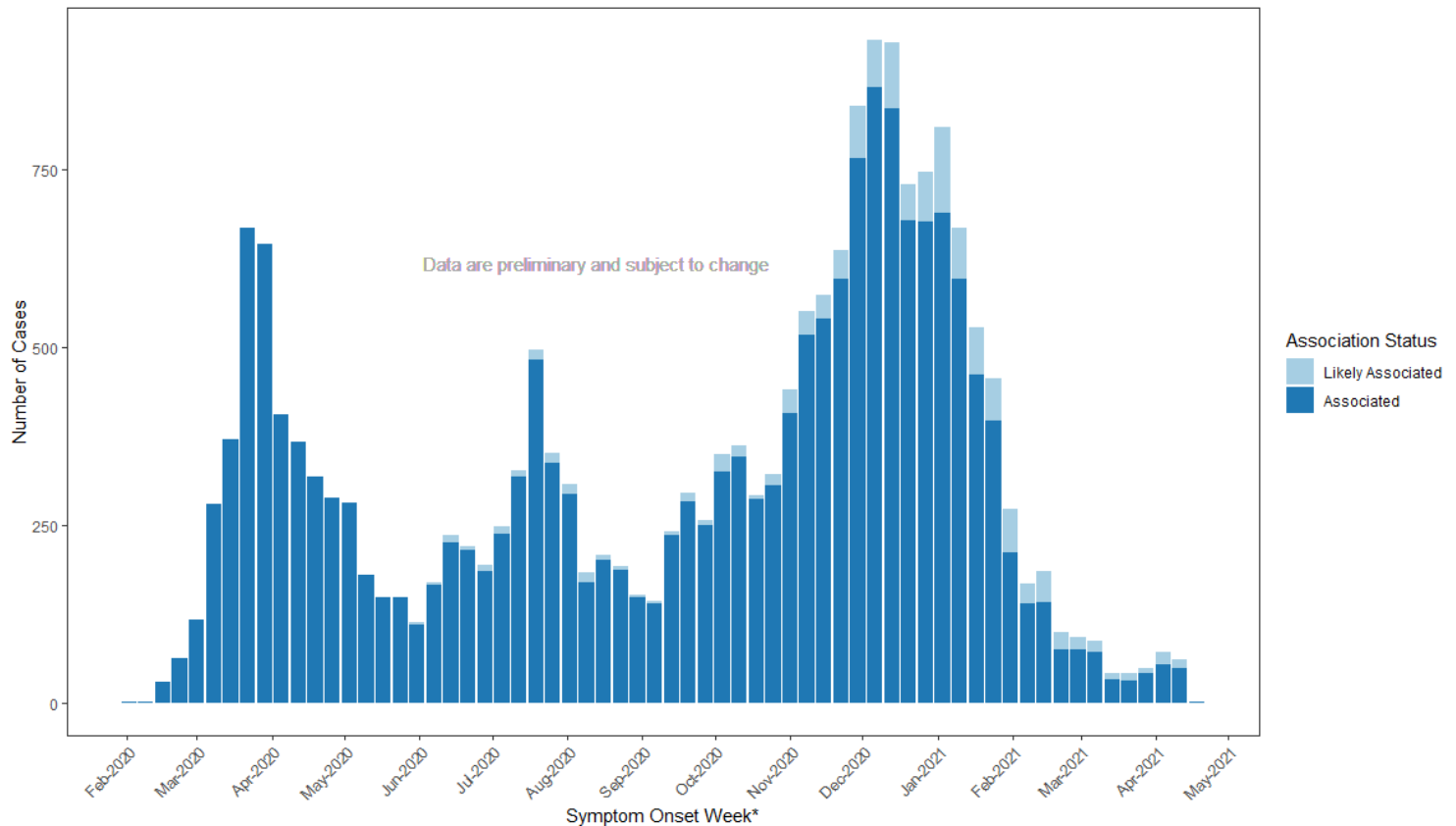
Total LTC-Associated Cases: 19,989 (of which 1,274 are likely associated)

Total LTC-Associated Deaths: 2,644 (of which 116 are likely associated)

As of 04/19/2021, a total of 19,989 COVID-19 cases (5% of total cases) and 2,644 deaths (49% of total deaths) have been identified as associated or likely associated with a long-term care facility (i.e., nursing home, assisted living facility or adult family home). These cases include residents as well as employees and visitors. Not all of these cases were exposed at a LTC facility. Many cases visited multiple places during their exposure period, and some individuals may have visited a LTC facility after disease onset. COVID-19 cases are identified by a positive PCR or antigen test.

LTC-Associated and Likely Associated Cases by Illness Onset Date

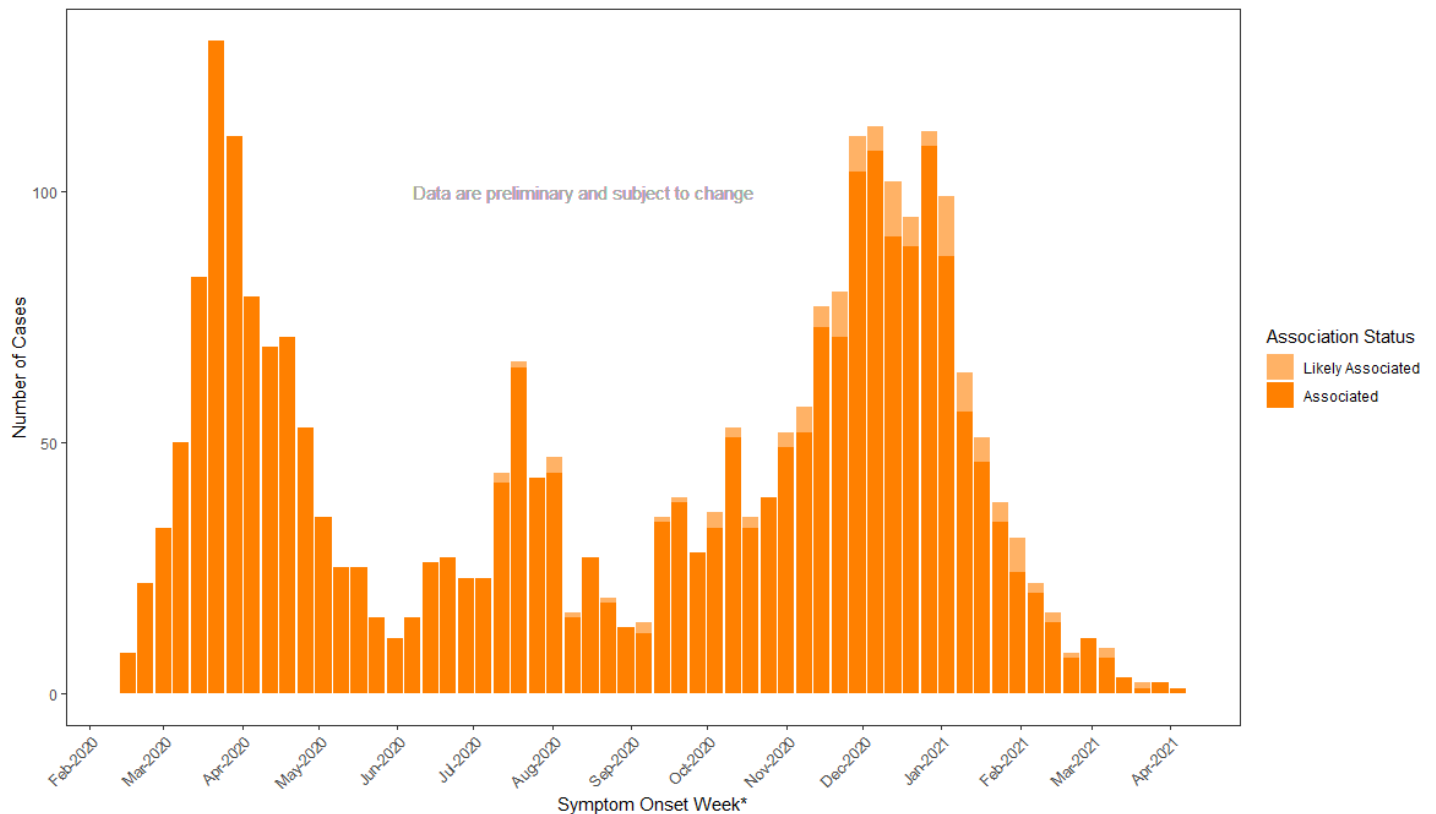
This epidemiologic curve shows the number of LTC-associated and likely associated cases over time by week of onset. If onset date is not known, diagnosis date or report date are used. Since there may be reporting delays, data are incomplete for the most recent weeks. Cases found to have association through case investigation are displayed as “Associated”, while cases found to have association through address or telephone match to a facility are marked as “Likely Associated”.



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Deaths with LTC-Association and Likely Association by Illness Onset Date

This epidemiologic curve shows the number of deaths reported as having an association or likely association to long-term care by onset date in weeks. If onset date is not known, diagnosis date or report date are used. Since there may be reporting delays, data are incomplete for the most recent weeks. Cases found to have association through case investigation are displayed as “Associated”, while cases found to have association through address or telephone match to a facility are marked as “Likely Associated”.



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LTC-Associated and Likely Associated Cases and Deaths by County

This table displays the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths that have a reported association or likely association with LTC in Washington State by county. Data are preliminary and subject to change. Cases are attributed to their county of residence, not the county in which the facility they are associated with is located. COVID-19 cases are identified by a positive PCR or antigen test. Cases found to have likely association through address or telephone match to a long-term care facility are included in case and death totals reported by county. Likely associated cases are preliminary, and therefore counts may vary between DOH and LHJs.

County	Total LTC Associated and Likely Associated Deaths	Total LTC Associated and Likely Associated Cases
Adams	4	55
Asotin	11	78
Benton	90	672
Chelan	29	351
Clallam	2	52
Clark	96	962
Columbia	0	5
Cowlitz	37	302
Douglas	4	65
Ferry	0	7
Franklin	20	208
Grant	15	126
Grays Harbor	19	138
Island	21	178
Jefferson	1	11
King	850	5,425
Kitsap	56	574
Kittitas	24	166
Klickitat	0	1
Lewis	29	315
Lincoln	1	23
Mason	18	110
Okanogan	10	46
Pacific	1	21

County	Total LTC Associated and Likely Associated Deaths	Total LTC Associated and Likely Associated Cases
Pend Oreille	1	37
Pierce	320	2,521
Skagit	39	310
Skamania	0	2
Snohomish	301	2,236
Spokane	342	2,282
Stevens	8	92
Thurston	30	418
Walla Walla	30	312
Whatcom	46	351
Whitman	36	242
Yakima	153	1,295